

Preliminary amendment to Patent Application filed 23 October 2003  
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Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR IMPROVING  
CARDIOVASCULAR FUNCTION

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph "Related Applications" on page 2, lines 2 to 12 with the following paragraph:

This application is a Continuation Application of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/917,292, which is related to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/221,526 filed July 28, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/30220 filed June 29, 2001; U.S. Patent Application Number 09/677,639 filed October 3, 2000, now U.S. Patent Number 6,429,198 issued August 6, 2002 which is a Continuation-in-Part of U. S. Patent Application Serial Number No. 09/290,789 filed April 12, 1999, now U.S. Patent Number 6,159,142 issued December 12, 2000.